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November 28, 2001

Amy Sabey Callao Route, Box 335 Callao, Utah 84083

Re:

Receipt of Permit Application Fee, Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Sabey / Timm Project, S/023/078, Juab County, Utah

Dear Ms. Sabey:

Thank you for your \$100.00 permit application fee which was received by the Division on November 27, 2001. The application for the proposed Sabey / Timm Project, located in the SW1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 17, T11S, R17W, SLBM, Juab County, Utah is now considered complete and in effect. No additional information is required by the Division at this time. You may now commence operations as outlined in your notice, provided you have obtained written approval from the BLM to proceed on federal managed lands.

As you were previously informed, we have reviewed your notice as a small mining operation, rather than an exploration project. In accordance with rule R647-3-105 regarding the project location, the areas to be disturbed should be plotted on a map in sufficient detail so that they can be located on the ground. It is also required that the operator mark the proposed (5 acre or less) disturbed area boundary (including access/haul roads) in the field with metal T-Posts (or with some other marker of equal effectiveness). Markers must be appropriately spaced so that the next marker in either direction is clearly visible with the naked eye.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 [40-8-7(1)] provides the authority for fee implementation which was approved by the Utah Legislature at its 1998 session. Commencing July 1, 1998, the fees are assessed to new and existing notices of intention, and annually thereafter. Small Mining Notices require a \$100.00 annual fee.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of

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undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

Tom Munson

Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: SMO- summary

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